

**UWCD – Annual Fall Release
Information for Whitewater Boaters
September 9, 2011**

United Water Conservation District will be conducting its annual fall release of water from the Santa Felicia Dam in Lake Piru beginning September 12. Whitewater boaters will be given restricted, escorted access to Piru Creek from District property, just below the Dam, when the flow levels exceed 200 cfs. The nearest known public property downstream of the put-in site is Warring Park in the community of Piru. Boaters must make their own arrangements for getting to back to their vehicles from the take-out site. The first escorted access opportunity for whitewater boaters from District property is the weekend of September 17 and 18 and will continue to October 23, after which time it is anticipated that water flows will be reduced to less than 200 cfs and the program will end. The proposed water release flow schedule is posted on the District's website: www.unitedwater.org. The flow release schedule is subject to change depending on the District's water needs so boaters should check the website for current information or call the District number below.

Access to the District's property will be limited to Saturdays and Sundays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Advance reservations are required. For reservations, call the District at 525-4431.

Boaters seeking access to the put-in site on the District property must make reservations 42 hours in advance by calling the District office at 525-4431. All boaters accessing Piru Creek from the District property must read and sign a waiver form. The form must be signed before access will be given – no exceptions.

For more information, call United Water Conservation District at (805) 525-4431

Important Warning:

USE OF PIRU CREEK FOR BOATING OR OTHER ACTIVITIES IS AT YOUR OWN RISK. BOATING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ON PIRU CREEK ARE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND CAN LEAD TO BODILY INJURY, INJURY TO PROPERTY, AND DEATH. INCLEMENT WEATHER AND WATER CONDITIONS MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE DANGERS. PIRU CREEK MAY CONTAIN NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL HAZARDS, SUCH AS SUBMERGED AND EXPOSED TREES, FENCES AND WIRES. THE CONDITIONS DOWNSTREAM ARE UNKNOWN.

MEASURING INSTRUMENTS (E.G. TRANSDUCERS, LOGGERS AND STAFF GAUGES) USED FOR STUDY PURPOSES, WHICH ARE MOUNTED OR AFFIXED TO METAL POSTS (EQUIPMENT) HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN PIRU CREEK AND ITS BANKS. ALTHOUGH THE EQUIPMENT, WHERE POSSIBLE, HAS BEEN FLAGGED FOR VISIBILITY, NO GUARANTEES CAN BE MADE THAT THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE VISIBLE TO BOATERS IN PIRU CREEK. SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT MAY BE SUBMERGED IN THE CREEK, I.E. BELOW THE FLOW OF THE WATER. THE EQUIPMENT REPRESENTS EXPOSED AND SUBMERGED OBJECT(S) WHICH POSE A RISK TO BOATERS IN PIRU CREEK.

YOU ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR ACTIVITIES ON AND AROUND PIRU CREEK. UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY BODILY INJURY, INJURY TO PROPERTY, OR DEATH ARISING FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES.